

said election. Registration and challenge of voters shall be conducted in the same manner as is now provided, or may hereafter be provided, for the election of the members of the General Assembly. The vote shall be counted at the close of the polls and the results returned in writing by the said election officers to the said board of county commissioners on the Thursday next following the election, and said board of county commissioners at the first meeting held by them thereafter shall tabulate, canvass, and declare the result of the election, all of which shall be recorded in the minutes of the board of commissioners, and no other recording and declaration of the result of said election shall be necessary.

Registration and challenges of voters.

Count and return of vote.

Canvass and record of returns.

SEC. 3. That at said election the ballots tendered and cast by the qualified voters shall have written or printed upon them "For Bridge Bonds" or "Against Bridge Bonds," and all qualified electors who favor the issuing of said bonds for the purpose aforesaid, and the levy of said tax, shall vote "For Bridge Bonds," and all qualified electors opposing the issuing of said bonds and the levy of said tax as herein provided shall vote "Against Bridge Bonds."

Ballots.

SEC. 4. That in the event that the majority of votes cast in any such election held under the provisions of this chapter shall be cast "For Bridge Bonds," the result shall be declared and recorded as aforesaid, and the board of county commissioners of Edgecombe County shall thereupon be authorized, empowered, and directed to issue and sell coupon bonds of said county, payable to bearer, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars; and of the principal of said bonds, two thousand dollars thereof shall be due and payable on the first day of January in the fifth year next after the first issue of any bonds issued under the provisions of this act, and a like sum of two thousand dollars on each recurring first day of January thereafter until the principal of said bonds shall be paid; the said bonds shall bear interest from their date at a rate of five per cent per annum, payable on the first day of January and July of each year until said bonds are paid, and to be of such form and tenor, and transferable in such way, and payable at such place or places as the board of county commissioners may determine: *Provided*, the said bonds may be issued at such time or times and in such amount or amounts as may be deemed best to meet the expenditures provided for in this act. Said bonds shall be numbered consecutively and shall be signed by the chairman of the board of commissioners of said county, and shall be countersigned by the clerk of said board and attested by the official seal of said county.

Issue of bonds if authorized.

Amount.

Denomination.

Maturity.

Interest.

Proviso: bonds issued as required.

Authentication.

SEC. 5. That said board of commissioners shall make sale of said bonds in such way and after such advertisement as the said commissioners shall deem best: *Provided*, no bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be sold or otherwise disposed of for less than par and the accrued interest thereon.

Sale of bonds.

Proviso: sale below par forbidden.